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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio

Senator the Hon. Penny Wong: asked the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on 24 October 2019—

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() Will the Government renew the Development for All 2015-2020: Strategy for strengthening disability-inclusive development in Australia's aid program when it expires in 2020?

(2) What steps are under way to develop a new strategy for disability-inclusive aid for the period beyond 2020?

(3) Will the Government adopt stronger targets for disability-inclusive aid in any new disability strategy?

(4) How will the Government ensure people with disabilities are partners in the development of any new strategy?

Answer —

1) The Government remains committed to playing a leadership role internationally in disability-inclusive development. We have commenced initial consultations with key stakeholders regarding our approach to disability-inclusive development beyond the current strategy.

2) We have commenced initial consultations with key stakeholders, including the Australian Disability & Development Consortium (ADDC), the Global Action on Disability (GLAD) network and at the 12th Annual Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, regarding our approach to disability-inclusive development beyond the current strategy. DFAT is developing a formal consultation plan in collaboration with stakeholders including ADDC.

3) There are no disability related strategic targets contained in the Australian aid program's performance management framework and no specific targets within the current Development for All Strategy.

4) Engaging people with disabilities and their representative organisations in the decision-making process remains a core principle of the Government's approach to disability-inclusive development. The Department will consult with disabled people's

organisations at the global, regional and national levels, including with the International Disability Alliance (IDA), the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) and the Australian Disability and Development Consortium (ADDC). The Department is also committed to engaging with disabled people's organisations in developing countries, particularly within the Indo-Pacific.